

# President's High Growth Job Training Initiative

## *Alaska's Initiative for Energy Workers*



**Grant Amount:** \$7,000,000

**Grantee:** State of Alaska's Department of Labor and Workforce Development

**Key Partners:** Alaska Vocational and Technical Education Center, the University of Alaska, industry associations, individual employers and contractors, unions, faith-based and community organizations and Alaska's Job Center Network

**Leveraged Amount:** \$1,100,000 in cash and in-kind contributions from the State of Alaska

**Location of Grant Activities:** Alaska

### **Challenge:**

The Alaska Department of Labor & Workforce Development expects 43,000 jobs to be created in the State over the next eight years. Energy industry growth will be the job growth catalyst as new pipelines are built, mines are opened, and surface and marine transportation industries and their supporting infrastructure are expanded to transport Alaska's vast energy resources. Yet, this growth has created a large gap between the need for skilled workers and Alaska's ability to supply them.

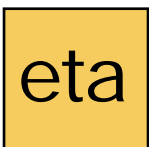
### **Addressing the Challenge:**

The State of Alaska, in partnership with education and industry partners, will increase Alaska's capacity to meet the State's workforce needs by targeting investments toward resources on partnerships focused on training for energy-related occupations; integrating vocational and technical education with skills training, providing students and workers the tools they need to obtain jobs; increasing apprenticeship training and employment skills for energy-related jobs; and finally, fast tracking the public workforce system's change to a market-driven, industry-centered One-Stop system that is responsive to state and local economic needs. Overall, more than 1,000 workers will be served through this project.

### **Project Outcomes:**

Three primary performance measures will be used to evaluate project outcomes:

- Alaska plans to place 85% of project participants in an industry related occupation;
- At least 90 percent of participants placed in a job will be retained for more than 90 days; and
- Participants will see a \$4,000 increase in their income over six months.



EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

*Energy Industry Grant  
Announced on July 5, 2005*